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## VILLA, BETRAYED BY AIDE, NEAR CAPTURE

### CONGESTED CONDITIONS IN INSANITARY HOUSES UP TO MANUFACTURERS

Dr. Abraham Sophian, Health Expert, Puts Problem Up to Factory Owners—Must Provide Suitable Quarters for Workers.

Health Department to Prevent Overcrowding Trolley Cars—Seat For Every Person to Be Asked—Epidemic Outbreak Cheerful.

Bridgeport's house problem is "up to the manufacturers," according to Dr. Abraham Sophian, the expert who is conducting the fight here against infantile paralysis.

"The congestion here has to end," declared Dr. Sophian this morning, after a session with the board of health. "If the manufacturers continue to bring men here to work they must provide sanitary quarters for them as the Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge Co. is doing."

"In making the rounds yesterday I discovered many places where persons are crowded into one insanitary room. This must be remedied and it is up to the manufacturers to help. They must provide suitable places for their workers."

"We shall order families out of insanitary quarters. The question will be asked: Where shall we go? That must be answered by supplying better quarters for these families."

From the standpoint of those who are fighting the epidemic here, today was the most cheerful day since polio-myelitis invaded the city.

Not a positive new case was reported today, the cases reported yesterday proved to be stomach trouble, and all but one of the patients isolated in Hillside home were reported recovering.

Physicians determined today that the case of Mary Rakow of 170 Front street, removed to Hillside home, is one of definite polio-myelitis.

The case of Dorothy Hutchinson, aged 23 months, of 19 Jetlan place, was reported this morning but Dr. S. M. Gerlick of the Medical Society, diagnostic board, assigned to the case, learned it is related to measles.

Dr. H. LeBaron Peters, who made a bacteriological test in the case of John Carey, aged two, of 638 Broad street, reported this morning that the case is one of stomach trouble. The child has been under observation at Hillside home. The quarantine will be raised on his home.

It was reported today that an infantile paralysis case has been found at Fairfield beach. Dr. Valery Harvard, health officer of the town, said: "I have heard rumors of that, but have been unable to find any such case. None of the physicians of the town know of it."

Dr. Sophian made it plain today that all funerals of persons who have died of polio-myelitis, meningitis, or other diseases, the symptoms of which are akin, must be private.

This rule, he said, is for the protection of the city will be instituted. Meetings of foreign-born persons will be held in some of the larger halls of the city.

Half hour hygiene talks will be given in the factories of the city, it is expected, if the manufacturers co-operate. The dental committee of the dental clinical department, Drs. A. C. Fones, R. H. W. Strang, J. H. Callahan, W. J. McLaughlin and T. A. Ganung will be asked to aid in the preventative work.

Today the nurses on the New York boat were removed as they are no longer needed. Children under 10, bound for Bridgeport, are not allowed to board the boat. Miss Loretta Ahearn, and the Misses Kline and McGrady were added to the nurses' staff today. Canopies will be obtained for the nurses at the entry point of the city to protect them from the sun, it is expected.

Dr. Sophian today instituted a campaign against crowded trolley cars. Inspectors were busy getting reports on them. He said the Connecticut Co. will be asked to instruct conductors not to allow persons to board trolleys after a certain number have been received. "Everybody is entitled to a seat," he declared, "if he pays, and nobody should be taken who cannot get a seat."

"There couldn't be anything more important," said Dr. Sophian. "Crowding trolley cars is a menace in such a crisis as this."

The Chamber of Commerce will be (Continued on Page Two)

### MORTALITY RATE AMONG BABES IN N. Y. IS GROWING

Paralysis Epidemic Fatal to Nearly 20 Per Cent. of Stricken Infants.

New York, July 20—On only one day since the inception of the epidemic of infantile paralysis on June 26 have more fatalities from the disease occurred than during the last 24 hours. During this period the plague killed 31 children and there were 119 new cases reported in the five boroughs of New York city.

The latest figures show that the mortality rate still is slightly less than 20 per cent. Since the beginning of the epidemic there have been 487 deaths and 2,448 cases.

### FORMER HEALTH BOARD MEMBER AND NURSE CLASH

Dr. Blank, Escorting Children, Halted at Station, Scores System Here.

The experience of Dr. Elmer F. Blank, a former health commissioner of this city, at the railroad station today, is related to demonstrate the difficulties that attend the traveling public and the apparent lack of organization among the staff of the health department inspectors.

Dr. Blank accompanied by Mrs. Blank, and by Mrs. James E. Emmons and the latter two small children, had just returned from Pittsfield, coming into Bridgeport via South Norwalk, and arriving at 11:55.

On alighting from the train, Dr. Blank's party, who had been away from the city for some days, was at once halted by a police sergeant and a health department nurse.

The doctor was informed that the children could not leave the train. "But why?" asked the doctor. "The health department won't allow children to come into Bridgeport," replied the nurse.

Dr. Blank then explained who he was; but the police sergeant and nurse replied that they knew him, but they must obey their orders.

It was more than 15 minutes before the dispute was straightened out so that the Emmons children were allowed to leave the station, after the doctor asked the nurse when the new rules went into effect, and what they were.

The nurse replied that the new rules went into effect this morning, and that no children were allowed to enter the city from New York or Boston.

Dr. Blank expressed his indignation in no uncertain terms, at the apparent lack of information among the officials, as to what rules are to be enforced.

"If these children were from New York or Boston, then they may have come within the provisions of the order of the health department; but they are not from either city."

"I don't object to complying with the rules of the health department; the trouble is that the policemen and the nurses don't know. It seems to me that the health department, or other city officials, ought to see that they are properly informed as to what their duties are, before they subject travelers to such indignities and inconvenience."

"It's an imposition to assign these nurses to such an important position," asserted Dr. Blank. "They do not know the cardinal symptoms of the disease when there are hundreds of physicians skilled in the diagnosis and handling of these cases who would only too gladly give their own time for the benefit of the public and to prevent any further increase of this epidemic."

"The services rendered by the nurses this morning were absolutely unnecessary, and could have been given by the policeman himself in a more efficient manner."

GEN. BLISS MAKES REPORT. Washington, July 20—Major Gen. Bliss reported to the War Department today that he had completed his inspection of the New York National Guard division on the border and had found it comfortably sheltered.

### UNDERSEA LINER READY FOR DASH FROM PORT HERE

Deutschland's Captain Dons Uniform and Completes U-Boat's Manifest.

### CHESAPEAKE CHARTS CAREFULLY STUDIED

Start of Trip Back to Germany May Be Begun During Next 24 Hours.

Baltimore, July 20—Prepared to leave port at any moment, Captain Paul Koenig, commander of the German merchant submarine Deutschland, put on his uniform today for the first time since he landed here 11 days ago and for several hours this morning studied the charts of the Patuxent river and Chesapeake Bay with Captain Frederick Hirsch, commander of the North German Lloyd liner Neckar.

When Captain Koenig went back aboard the undersea liner he took with him a duplicate manifest of the ship's cargo. Another copy was ready to be taken to the custom house.

Captain Koenig said he would not leave his ship again and indicated an early departure but said nothing that would give an idea just when the submarine would leave.

It was understood the Deutschland's engines and submerging machinery had been given a final test and were found to be in perfect condition.

At dawn today the screen of tugs and barges was drawn about the submarine, indicating that she would not leave here for several hours at least. To all appearances she was ready to start on her return voyage. She was submerged to about the same depth as when she came into this harbor with a full cargo.

During the night the tug Timmins played its searchlight over land and water, practically covering all approaches to the pier, where the Deutschland is berthed.

Toward midnight the vigilance of the German guards about the pier tightened. Several launches were found hovering about the waters near the submarine and while the Timmins threw its searchlight beams upon the strange craft the night superintendent of the Eastern Forwarding Company, local agents of the submarine owners, made a long detour in a motor boat of the waters about the pier to inspect the mysterious visitors.

THE DEATH OF MONIGO FRANCESCO, the baker who was chopped to pieces in a bread mixing machine, has been found accidental, according to a decision made today by Coroner John J. Phelan.

The coroner went to the bakery of Giuseppe Fazio, 161 Willard street, where the accident occurred and made an investigation.

He found there was no ground for finding criminal negligence or carelessness. The baker was scraping some dough from the sides of the machine when his hand was caught in the blades. Although he vainly tried to pull out his hand, his body was gradually drawn into the blades and he was literally cut to pieces. The dead man and the machine were taken to the Medical Examiner's office, where also said death was accidental.

Dan O'Neil Gives Glad Hand to New Owners of Franchise

Vice President Daniel O'Neil of the Eastern Baseball league visited this city today to assure the American Chain Co. Athletic association that the recent purchase of the Bridgeport baseball franchise from Harry Cornen would be ratified by the league directors.

The league official congratulated Manager Healy and the Chain Co. members upon their entry into professional baseball. He said the league was glad to have men with such sound financial backing and he felt sure that if a winning club were placed in the field that baseball in this city would be a paying venture.

Owner, Fearing Rabies, Has His Dog Despatched

Believed to have been suffering with the rabies, a dog belonging to Herman Beck of 47 Franklin street was shot today by Dog Warden George Hall.

The dog had been sick for the past two days and was taken away by the dog warden when Mr. Beck informed him that he believed it would bite the children.

### Newtown Bars All Children

Physicians and County Health Officer Make Drastic Rules As 10 Suspicious Cases are Found in Community.

(Special to The Farmer.) Newtown, July 20—As a result of the death of Benjamin Fairchild of polio-myelitis, the illness of his sister with the same disease and the discovery of 10 suspicious cases of illness in the town, this community today took the most drastic methods of any in the neighborhood to prevent the spread of the epidemic.

No child of 16 years of age or less may enter the town, beginning today. It makes no difference whether he wishes to pass through or stay, he cannot enter.

Every house in which there is illness will be placed under surveillance. The occupants will be restricted from going farther from the house than the back yards.

County Health Officer George E. Hill and every physician in the city met at noon today in the home of Dr. J. H. Kiernan. The conference resulted in the decision to take every precaution to guard Newtown against polio-myelitis.

It makes no difference from what town a child comes, it was announced, he will not be allowed in Newtown until the danger is over.

The force of constables will be increased from 15 to 20 and every road entering the town will be guarded.

Ten houses in Newtown are under surveillance, it was learned today. The cases within are being watched by the physicians and just as soon as suspicious symptoms develop, an absolute quarantine will be established.

Allice Fairchild, the sister of Benjamin Fairchild, is said to be recovering from paralysis.

### RELIGIOUS ISSUE CAUSES FIGHT BY PROHIBITIONISTS

Attempt to Put Anti-Catholic Plank in Platform Starts Debate.

### COMMITTEE ORDERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

J. Frank Hanley Claims Sufficient Votes to Get Nomination.

St. Paul, Minn., July 20—Efforts to inject an anti-Catholic declaration in the Prohibition platform caused a bitter row today as the national convention began its nominating session. The resolutions committee ordered an executive session when the religious issue came up. A bitter debate was in progress at the time the room was cleared of all but members of the committee.

J. Frank Hanley, of Indiana, claimed sufficient votes for nomination for president on the first ballot when the convention assembled.

William Sulzer, former governor of New York, was expected to appear before the convention in the interests of his own candidacy. His supporters hoped that his eleventh-hour appearance would rally votes sufficient to defeat Hanley.

The report of the committee on credentials was adopted without objection. This report shows 727 delegates and 36 alternates on the floor of the convention. Thirty-nine states and the District of Columbia were represented. There were ten complete state delegations.

### PASSENGER TRAIN SMASHES FREIGHT CARS; ONE IS HURT

New Haven, July 20—A passenger train from Brookfield Junction, due here at 10:25 this forenoon, ran into a string of freight cars which were being backed onto a siding on the trestle over the West river and the surrounding flats, derailing several of the cars. One woman passenger received the attention of a doctor. The express engine smashed up a box car when it struck and of the derailed cars a couple went down the bank.

### THE WEATHER

Forecast: Unsettled, probably showery tonight and Friday.

### FORECLOSURE ON CROSSLEY GIVEN TO THE WORDINS

Property in Litigation Already Under Weight of Many Attachments.

### NO NEWS OF FORMER REAL ESTATE BROKER

Suits Against Him Pending in Both Superior and Common Pleas Courts.

Foreclosure proceedings against J. Harry Crossley, the missing real estate dealer, have been granted by Judge Webb of the superior court who gives Crossley until the first Tuesday in August to redeem the property, which is located on Hancock avenue.

The action was brought by Helen C. Wordin and Fannie L. Wordin of this city, who claimed Crossley owed them \$3,500. The money was loaned January 6, 1910 and Crossley gave his note, secured by the Hancock avenue property. It is alleged that the plaintiffs demanded payment on the loan and when this was refused, they brought legal proceedings. It was found that the total amount due, including interest, was \$3,856.25.

The property in question has a frontage of 40 feet on Hancock avenue. It is already staggering under the weight of numerous other attachments. Arthur Lieberman, the Bridgeport Brass Co. and R. N. Blakeslee are among those who placed attachments on the property. They all filed suits to recover money they claimed Crossley owed them. The Wordin foreclosure takes precedence over the other attachments, however.

It was said this morning by those who have been keeping a watchful eye open for Crossley that the former really dealer has not visited this city in a long time. Whether he is afraid of the police or doesn't care about meeting a sheriff with the papers in his hand, is something of a puzzle. But meanwhile there are a number of suits against him still pending in the superior and common pleas courts.

### WETSTINE GETS \$2,000 JOB AT STATE CAPITOL

Named to Succeed Arthur F. Connor in Motor Vehicle Department.

Hartford, July 20—Secretary of State Burnes today named Frederick Wetstine of Bridgeport, to succeed Arthur F. Connor, in the position of Chief Clerk of the automobile department. The salary is \$2,000 a year. Mr. Wetstine will begin his duties about August 1.

### GIANTS CLOSE TRADE TO GET PLAYER HERZOG

Cincinnati, July 20—President Herrmann announced today that he had agreed with President Harry H. Hemstead and Manager McGraw, of the New York Nationals to trade Charles Herzog, manager of the Reds and outfielder Wade Kilgore, to the Giants for Christy Mathewson, outfielder Roush and infielder McKee.

Immediately after the announcement, Herrmann and Hemstead went into conference with Herzog.

### None to Oppose Naming of Commissioners on Catherine Tracy Estate

Judge Paul L. Miller of the probate court will in a few days name commissioners to take charge of the estate of Catherine Tracy. Rev. James B. Nihill, pastor of St. Augustine's R. C. church, executor of the will, informed the court a few days ago that the estate was insolvent and asked that commissioners be appointed to settle the claims against it. Most of the claims are brought by relatives for personal services.

A hearing on the application of Father Nihill for the appointment of the commissioners was set for today. No one appeared in opposition and Judge Miller said he would name the commissioners in a few days.

The inventory of the estate, as reported by James T. Beck and John M. Donnelly, appraisers, shows real estate in the North End valued at \$1,700 and \$147.18 in the City Savings bank. The deceased in her will made bequests aggregating more than \$2,500. Included are bequests of more than \$1,000 to churches here and to St. Michael's cemetery.

Marshal Henry L. Blakeslee of Medina, Ohio, was found guilty of manslaughter in the killing of night watchman John H. Gates.

### Cavalry of De Facto Government Has Surrounded Rebel Leader, Says Message to Mexican Consul at Galveston, Tex.—Outlaw's Whereabouts Revealed By Messenger Captured By Carranzistas.

Galveston, Tex., July 20—The capture of Francisco Villa by cavalry of the de facto government is momentarily expected, according to a cablegram received today by Juan A. Mateas, Mexican consul here.

The message said a Villa messenger, captured yesterday by Carranza troops, told of Villa's whereabouts and that a force has been sent to capture him.

### MINE-LAYING SUBMARINE, CAPTURED BY BRITISH, TO BE EXHIBITED IN LONDON

Big U-Boat Taken From Germans, is Official Announcement Today in House of Commons—Russians Capture Important Town of Kugi, As Big Battle is Developing in East—Allies Retake Ground Lost Along the Somme River.

London, July 20—The first official announcement that Great Britain had captured a German mine-laying submarine of the U-35 class, was made known in the House of Commons today by Thomas James MacNamara, financial secretary of the Admiralty, who said that one of these vessels would be brought to London to be viewed by the public.

### RUSSIANS CAPTURE KUGI

Petrograd, July 20—The war office announced today that Kugi, an important point in the Caucasus, was recaptured by the Russians on Tuesday.

Kugi is a junction point of high roads in the Erzerum district.

### WANTS TIME TO PROVE ALIBI FOR FOOTPAD SUSPECT

Judge Bartlett Delays Decision to Hold Three Men For Superior Court.

To allow Attorney Lawrence Fink-eltone time to bring in witnesses to prove that Edward Slattery was not with Matthew Hassett and Henry Welsh when a trolley car was held up at the foot of Main street shortly before midnight of June 20, the case against the three was continued until Saturday by Judge F. A. Bartlett in the city court today.

The trio were arrested early on the morning of July 1 after a trolley car had been held up at Seaside park. They were arraigned in court and their cases were continued as it was believed they also took part in the hold up of the trolley at the same place, 10 days previous. The conductor of the car held up on June 20 identified Welsh as the one who covered him with the revolver and ordered him to throw up his hands. He said the other two were on the running board.

Judge Bartlett stated that he had found probable cause and was about to bind them over to the superior court when their attorney asked for a continuance. They have been unable to furnish the bonds of \$1,000 and have been in jail since arrested.

### Tropical Hurricane, Now Off Carolinas, Is Headed This Way

Washington, July 20—The tropical storm making its way up the Atlantic coast from the West Indies apparently was centered this morning two hundred miles off the North Carolina coast, about eastward of Cape Hatteras. Very little information had reached the weather bureau today concerning its intensity.

Latest despatches told of winds with a velocity of 64 miles an hour but these were from the edges of the disturbance.

Storm warnings were ordered to continue at all stations from Hatteras to Boston, except at Baltimore.

### England's Censorship Attacked on Commons

London, July 20—Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, declared in the House of Commons today that he did not think there was any reason to suppose the censorship now exercised regarding press releases to the United States was at all likely to interfere in the continuation of friendly relations of the two countries.

Lord Robert made this statement in reply to a question by Arthur Lynch, member for West Clare, who asked the war trade minister whether "in view of the importance of establishing between this country and the United States complete confidence and cordial relations, he would advise the abolition or modification of the present censorship of news."

The censorship, added Lord Robert, in replying to the members, was established for military reasons and its abolition or modification could not be avoided upon non-military grounds.

### BRITISH VESSEL, TAKEN NEAR SWEDISH COAST, RELEASED BY GERMAN

London, July 20—The British steamer Adamo, which was captured off the Swedish coast Tuesday by a German destroyer, has been released, according to a Berlin dispatch transmitted by Reuters' American correspondent.

Sweden made an official protest to Berlin against the capture of the steamer, claiming it was effected within Swedish territorial waters and the Berlin dispatch today states that the vessel was released as soon as it was established that the seizure occurred in such waters.

ATTOBOTS START LONG TRIP. St. Paul, July 20—Twenty-five automobiles left here today for Yellowstone Park under the auspices of the National Park Highway Association. The hotel train de luxe that will meet the drivers each noon and night along the route departed at the same time. The train is equipped with bathing, barber shop and business office and a car with welding and repair outfit. The Park will be reached July 25.